(In Million)

Country/Year	2002	2005	2030	2050
India	1041	1087	1383	1529
China	1294	1326	1496	1478

(c) The steps taken by the Government to control the growth rate of the population is as follows:

- An integrated and holistic programme for Reproductive and Child Health and Contraception has been in operation. New measures of contraception-Copper T 380 A and Emergency contraception pills for women have been introduced.
- Government has adopted a National Population Policy (NPP) in February 2000, which provides for an Inter-sectoral agenda to bring about population stabilization, with Community involvement in administering family planning services.
- Meeting the unmet needs of health infrastructure, health personnel and contraception and providing integrated service delivery for basic reproductive and child health care.
- An Empowered Action Group has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister for focused attention on improving the coverage and outreach of services in demographically weaker eight states, including family planning services.
- No Scalpel Vasectomy (NSV) method (without a cut or a stitch) of male sterilization has been introduced to promote male participation in family planning programme since 1977.

Artificial Heart Valve

†55. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any artificial valve for heart has been developed in the country;

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(b) if so, whether it has been tested and found suitable;

(c) the estimated cost of the indigenously developed valve; and

(d) the steps taken for the large scale manufacturing of the valve in order to extend its benefit to the heart patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Shree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology Thiruvananthapuram in collaboration with the National Research Development Corporation has developed an indigenous Heart Valve, named Chitra Valve. It has been tested and found suitable. The approximate cost of the indigenously developed valve for the heart is Rs. 14,000 to Rs. 19,000 and is being marketed as Chitra Valve by TTK Company.

Functioning of Government Hospitals

†56. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in print media about the frequent incidents of failure of sterilization cases among women; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents in future and to improve functioning of all the Government hospitals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Such incidents have occasionally come to notice.

The steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such incidents in future and to improve the functioning of all Govt. Hospitals in the country are:—

i. Laparoscopes (equipment required for female sterilization) are supplied to Government hospitals all over the country through the respective state governments.

ii. Training Facilities for female/male sterilization are provided for medical officers at 165 training institutes in the country.

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